

Bolivia Reported Set to Show OAS Photos of Guevara

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The Organization of American States foreign ministers met here today and there were reports they would be shown a package of evidence that Ernesto (Che) Guevara is in Bolivia.

The three-day OAS meeting is aimed at condemning Cuba for aggression in Latin America.

Bolivia was reported ready to show the foreign ministers photographs and other evidence that Guevara, long missing Cuban revolutionary, has been working with Communist guerrillas in Bolivia.

Guevara helped Fidel Castro lead the guerrilla campaign which overtook Cuba about nine years ago. He has been missing from the public view since March 1965.

There was one report that the OAS ministers would be handed documents and fingerprints of Guevara in addition to photographs.

American officials had not seen or evaluated the reported Bolivian evidence.

Reprisals Weighed

The foreign ministers aimed at condemning Cuba before the world for persistent aggression against Venezuela and other Western nations.

There is interest by some OAS nations in attempting to push through economic reprisals against the Havana regime by blacklisting companies in non-Communist countries which continue to trade with Fidel Castro. But the consensus is that the OAS will content itself with denunciations rather than taking any action of a military or economic nature that would seriously undermine the Cuban government.

Venezuela, in constant contact since last spring with the other OAS nations, has evolved a 9-point resolution that probably will be the framework for such decisions.

The strongest proposal voiced by any Venezuelan official is the blacklist but this proposal does not appear in the papers being circulated by the Caracas government.

Selden's Proposal

A similar idea also was given wide circulation this week by Rep. Armistead L. Selden Jr., D-Ala., an adviser on the U. S. delegation. Selden, chairman of the House Latin American Affairs subcommittee, said in a speech to the House he believed a blacklist system against companies trading with Cuba would make them think twice if it meant excluding their products from all the OAS countries.

However, authoritative sources said today there is considerable opposition to the boycott idea by Latin nations which depend more on their commerce with the free world than these nations do on hemispheric trade.

President Johnson is scheduled to give a luncheon at the White House today for the foreign ministers. He now is ready to produce a contribution of \$900 million for operations of the Inter-American Development Bank to back up his pledge of continued development aid by Washington for the Latins.

But the commitment may take some deft explaining. The jarring note, certain to offend many Latin officials, is that congressional authorization for the funds requires a comprehensive audit of the bank's dealings.

Senate Bows to House

The audit provision originated with Selden but was knocked out of the bill early this week by Senate House conferees. But the House voted resoundingly this week to recommit the measure in the absence of the audit feature. With the OAS meeting only 24 hours away, the Senate bowed to the House yesterday and passed the three-year authorization with the audit provision restored.

Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield, declaring the audit was not necessary but confessing the House was not to be budged, recommended passage of the bill yesterday. Sen. Jacob V. Javits, R-N.Y., argued for the opposition that the audit requirement was offensive to a reputable international organization like the IDB and declared he would attempt to explain the provision on a trip he is about to take to Latin America.

The focal point in the congressional controversy is that the bank's financial structure is audited by a prestigious U.S. firm but its field operations are not.

Informed sources said that even though the \$900 million is \$150 million more than previously was authorized for the IDB, there is no doubt that Latin officials are offended by the audit stipulation.